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Enclosed for filing in the above-identified patent application, please find the following documents:

1. Response to Office Communication mailed March 7, 2005; and
2. Return Post Card.

The Response is essentially a re-submission of an Office Communication mailed on February 7, 2005, but now provides status identifiers for Claims 1-16, as was pointed out in the Notice. The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference 10069/1040. A duplicate of this transmittal letter is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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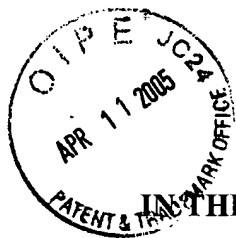
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 5, 2004 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

An extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** are shown in the "Listing of the Claims" which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

Please enter the following amendments and remarks.